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Responsive to the non-final Office action dated May 1, 2003,  
and supplemental to the response forwarded to the Patent  
Office on June 20, 2003, the following remarks are made.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 and 14-22 are  
solicited.

Claims 1-11 and 14-22 remain in the application.

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In the fourth paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1, 2, 14, 16 and 18-21 have been rejected as being anticipated by *Pensavecchia* (US 5,660,108) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

In the third paragraph on page 3 of the Office action, claims 3-11, 15, and 22 have been rejected as being obvious over *Pensavecchia* in view of *Mueller et al.* (US 5,802,973) and *Drapatsky et al.* (US 5,103,733) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In the second paragraph on page 4 of the Office action, claim 17 has been rejected as being obvious over *Pensavecchia* in view of *Giori et al.* (US 6,101,939) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

As will be explained below, it is believed that the claims were patentable over the cited art in their original form and the claims have, therefore, not been amended to overcome the references.

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claim 1 (similarly claim 19) calls for, inter alia:

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A modular printing machine system for printing on sheets, comprising:

a first printing machine of satellite construction type having a central first impression cylinder, and at least four printing devices assigned thereto;

a second printing machine having a second impression cylinder and a *feeding device disposed immediately up-line* of said second impression cylinder for feeding the sheets *directly* to said second impression cylinder; and

an adjusting device assigned to said feeding device, said feeding device being at least partially displaceable by said adjusting device for adjusting and correcting registration of said feeding device.

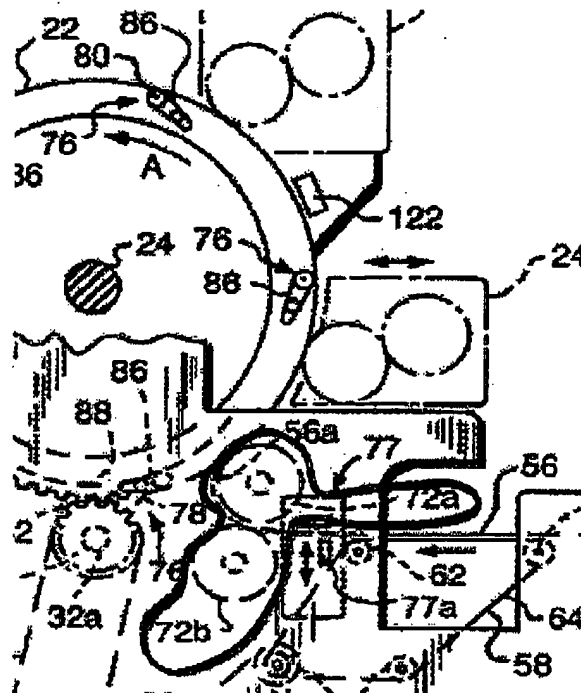
On page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner stated that:

The detailed structure of the sheet feeding device is shown in Fig. 1 of Pensavecchia wherein a front stopper (fingers) 77a moves vertically to register the sheet to be parallel with the axis of the impression cylinder and a conventional means is activated to push the sheet horizontally against a side guide to assure that the sheet is squared up and is in the correct axial position relative to the impression cylinder. The vertically and horizontally movable elements of the adjusting device form part of the sheet feeding device and are displaceable for adjusting and correcting registration of the sheet feeding device with respect to the impression cylinder. See Figs. 1, 2 and column 4, lines 46-53 in Pensaveechia for details.

The relevant part of Fig. 1 of Pensavecchia, showing the second impression cylinder or "impression cylinder 22", the sheet feeding device or "accelerating rollers or wheels 72a

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and 72b", and the adjusting device or "registration station 77", is reproduced below.



For *Pensavecchia* to disclose a displaceable feeding device disposed immediately up-line of the second impression cylinder for feeding the sheets directly to the impression cylinder, the "accelerating rollers or wheels 72a and 72b" (col. 4, lines 57-58) would have to be the "feeding device".

However, there is no suggestion or disclosure in *Pensavecchia* that the "accelerating rollers or wheels 72a and 72b" are displaceable, or displaceable by an adjusting device ("registration station 77" in *Pensavecchia*) for adjusting and correcting registration of the "accelerating rollers or wheels

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72a and 72b". To the contrary, the "accelerating rollers or wheels 72a and 72b" appear to be fixed in position. It is the purpose of the "registration station 77" in *Pensavecchia* to adjust the registration of the (paper) sheets, not of the "accelerating rollers or wheels 72a and 72b".

Accordingly, the "accelerating rollers or wheels 72a and 72b" of *Pensavecchia* *cannot* be equated with the "feeding device" of the instant application as recited in the claims.

Consequently, and further for the reasons brought forth in the response dated June 20, 2003, the invention as recited in claims 1 and 19 of the instant application is believed not to be anticipated by *Pensavecchia*.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that *Pensavecchia* does not show the features of claims 1 and 19. Claims 1 and 19 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and because claims 2-11 and 14-18 are ultimately dependent on claim 1 and since claims 20-22 are ultimately dependent on claim 19, they are believed to be patentable as well.

Considering the deficiencies of the primary reference *Pensavecchia*, it is believed not to be necessary at this stage to address the secondary references *Mueller et al.*, *Drapatsky et al.*, and *Giori et al.* applied in the rejection of certain

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dependent claims, and whether or not there is sufficient suggestion or motivation with a reasonable expectation of success for modifying or combining the references as required by MPEP § 2143.

If an extension of time is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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